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WASHINGTON

August 3, 1978

White House 1010 # 18- 2565

Dear Congressman Bennett:

This is in reply to your July 19, 1978 letter to the President, in which you propose that certain restrictions on disclosure of national security information be embodied in an appropriate statute.

As you know, the President shares your concern about unauthorized disclosures of classified information. In this connection, I am forwarding copies of your proposed legislation to the Director of Central Intelligence and the Attorney General for their information and consideration.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

Zbigniew Brzezinski

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Dear Mr. President:

I read with great interest the news reports of your recent meeting with certain members of Congress concerning intelligence leaks. I enclose a copy of a bill I introduced last year, H.R. 89, which was drafted to meet the very problem that both you and I are very concerned about. I am aware that you have administratively imposed a number of the conditions of H.R. 89, but I continue to strongly believe that we should set these conditions in statute, as opposed to executive order. I would greatly appreciate it if you could have the appropriate staff persons review my legislation to see if it is something that we could work together on.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Charles E. Bennett

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